



Requirements for the Teacher of Students with Disabilities

7-12 certificate (282S)

Please see below for the requirements to qualify for both a conditional and/or professional certificate. Please note that the endorsement code is 282S, which will be used throughout the application process. If you believe you qualify for either a conditional or professional certificate, please submit an initial application through our online MEIS system.

Conditional Certificate (3 year) requirements include:

- (1) Bachelor's degree conferred
- (2) 9 credits in Special education
- (3) Background check approval (CHRC)- based on fingerprints

Conditional Certificate (3 year) (through the transitional pathway) requirements include:

- (1) A valid Professional Maine teaching certificate
- (2) 9 semester hours of section A
- (3) Background check approval (CHRC)-based on fingerprints

Five-year professional certificate requirements include completion of all sections below:

NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required.
Section A:
1. Bachelor's degree or master's or doctorate conferred
2. Special education (24) (e.g., Courses may not include severe, deaf, blind, American sign language, or gifted and talented.) One autism course and one applied behavioral analysis course can be accepted. - Including Evaluation and Assessment (3) Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) (3) Reading Instructions (3) -One of these areas (3): Universal design for learning (UDL), inclusion and least restrictive environment (LRE), types of disabilities, program planning, behavior intervention and supports, special education law and implementation.
3. Diversity-centered content (3) (e.g., culturally responsive teaching, multicultural education, intercultural education, second language acquisition or world language teaching methods)

4. Development (3) (human development, educational psychology, developmental psychology, or child development)		
5. Background check approval (CHRC) – based on fingerprints		
Section B:		
1. Student Teaching (waived upon one school year of successful teaching in Maine under a valid certificate)		
Section C: Completion of 1 of the following options		
Option 1 – Passing scores on Praxis I		
Reading	Test #5713	Score 156
Writing	Test #5723	Score 162
Mathematics	Test #5733	Score 150
Composite		Score 468
Option 2- Meet a 3.0 GPA average in required coursework		
Option 3 – Approval of a portfolio submission		

Helpful Tips:

- For fingerprint information please visit: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/fingerprinting>
- To register for a PRAXIS exam please visit www.ets.org/praxis/me/requirements.
- Once you have received an evaluation letter please reference your letter for necessary requirements and certification options.